

By Mr. Monahan of Beverly, petition of Kevin M. Burke, John E. Murphy, Jr., and F. John Monahan relative to the jurisdiction of the district courts over certain assault and battery offenses. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OVER CERTAIN ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 26, as most recently amended by section 187 of chapter  
3 478 of the acts of 1978, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 section: —

5 *Section 26.* The district courts and the municipal court of the  
6 city of Boston shall have original jurisdiction, concurrent with the  
7 superior court, of the following offenses, complaint of which shall  
8 be brought in the division of the district court department, or in the  
9 Boston municipal court department, as the case may be, within  
10 whose judicial district the offense was allegedly committed or it  
11 otherwise made punishable: all violations of by-laws, orders, ordi-  
12 nances, rules and regulations, made by cities, towns and public  
13 officers, all misdemeanors, except libels, all felonies punishable by  
14 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years, the  
15 crimes mentioned in sections sixteen, seventeen, eighteen, nine-  
16 teen, twenty-eight and forty-nine of chapter two hundred and  
17 sixty-six, and the crimes of escape or attempt to escape from any  
18 penal institution, assault and battery by means of a dangerous  
19 weapon, forgery of a promissory note, or of an order for money or  
20 other property, and of uttering as true such a forged note or order,  
21 knowing the same to be forged. They shall have jurisdiction of  
22 proceedings referred to them under the provisions of section four A  
23 of chapter two hundred and eleven.

The Government of the State of New York

IN SENATE, January 12, 1917.

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